

I Can Make It through Anything

"(v.10) I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did. It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles.

(v.15) You Philippians well know, and you can be sure I'll never forget it, that when I first left Macedonia province, venturing out with the Message, not one church helped out in the give-and-take of this work except you. You were the only one. Even while I was in Thessalonica, you helped out—and not only once, but twice. Not that I'm looking for handouts, but I do want you to experience the blessing that issues from generosity."

Philippians 4:10-17

The Message

"I'm glad in God" = Paul could get along happily because he could see life from God's point of view. He was focused on what he was supposed to do, not what he felt he should have. (v.10)

"Thank you for your help" = Paul was very grateful for the help he received from other believers. (v.10)

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It is a **PROCESS!** It is not instant potatoes! It's work. It is a growing understanding that God will give me what I need when I need it. I have found the recipe—searching, adjusting—until I find what works. (v.12)

TURN THE KEY—OPEN YOUR LIFE!

*"I can make it through anything
in the one who makes me who I am."* (v.13)

CAN WE REALLY MAKE IT THROUGH ANYTHING?

- **Yes!**
- The power we receive in **union** with Christ is sufficient to do his will and to face the challenges that arise from our commitment to doing it!
- Christ does not **give** us superhuman ability to accomplish anything we can imagine without regard to his purpose and goals for our lives.
- **We are empowered to accomplish His purpose through our lives!**

Some examples:



As our relationship with Christ grows strong,
we will face troubles, pressures, and trials.
As they come, Christ will strengthen us for each moment.

ONE LAST THING:

The challenge of tithing—of giving our share to God's work.

"I do want you to **experience** the blessing that issues from generosity." (v.19)